


Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-26 have been canceled. Claims 27-46 have been added. Claims 27-46 are the pending claims in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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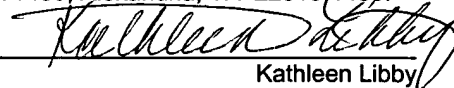
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ABSTRACT

An exhaust system-~~(10)~~ for a vehicular lean-burn internal combustion engine-~~(12)~~ ~~comprises~~ includes a NO_x reduction catalyst-~~(18)~~, a source reductant, means (20) for contacting the catalyst-~~(18)~~ with the reductant, means-~~(TC1)~~ for sensing the temperature of the exhaust gas and/or the catalyst bed and means, when in use, for controlling reductant addition, ~~wherein the,~~ The reductant addition control means supplies an amount of reductant to the catalyst at a rate corresponding to a measured temperature value of the exhaust gas and/or catalyst bed, which temperature value has been pre-determined to correlate, in use, with an amount of NO_x in the exhaust gas.